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SUBJECT: USE OF "DETENTE"

FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, WHICH DEVELOPED FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN ON IF-ASKED BASIS, IS FOR YOUR GUIDANCE:

QUOTE

Q: HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT ABANDONED THE USE OF THE
WORD "DETENTE"?

A: THE WORD "DETENTE" HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE MISUNDER-
STANDING AND CONFUSION AND, AS A CONSEQUENCE, ITS USE HAS
PROVED TO BE AN OBSTACLE RATHER THAN A HELP IN A DIS-
CUSSION OF REALISTIC EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION.

THE PRESIDENT HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL NO LONGER USE
THE WORD. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WILL, TO FOSTER GREATER
PRECISION AND CLARITY, ALSO SEEK TO ESCHEW IT IN THE
FUTURE AS A DESCRIPTION OF OUR POLICIES TOWARD AND
RELATIONS WITH THE USSR. END QUOTE

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